

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 were pending in this application prior to this amendment.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 12-19, 21, 22, 24, and 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Bahjat (US 3,864,667). Claims 28-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bahjat in view of Wooh(US 6,309,609). Claims 4,7,9-11,20, 23, 26-27 were objected to but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 17 to include the limitations of claim 2 and 18, respectively, and the limitations of allowable claims 7 and 23, respectively. Those claims and intervening claims 5 and 6, and 21 and 22, respectively, are canceled. The remaining claims depend on the new claims 1 and 17 and thus include allowable subject matter. No new matter has been introduced.

Following the Advisory Action dated 10 March 2006, the independent claim 17 has been further amended to include the elements of former claim 22. Following the same Advisory Action, an amended Abstract has been attached hereto to replace the Abstract on file. No new matter has been introduced.

Reconsideration of the rejections and further examination of the application is respectfully requested in view of these amendments. In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe that the present application and the amended claims are in proper condition for allowance. Such allowance is earnestly requested. If the Examiner is contemplating any action other than allowance of all pending claims, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's representative, Jody Lynn DeStefanis, at (203) 431-5505.

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